

to certain charges against the President.

EDUCATION—DOLLARS TO THE CLASSROOM

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, we must do everything we can to give America's children the education they will need to succeed. I am proud of what we have done so far, passing tax cuts for families with kids and making it easier for them to afford higher education. But there is much more to do, especially for younger children.

State and local taxes pay most of the cost of education. They always have. But while the Federal Government provides only about 7 percent of all the funding for local schools, it creates over half of their paperwork.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I have cosponsored legislation to guarantee that at least 95 percent of Federal education funds get to the classroom instead of being consumed by the bureaucracy. We cannot allow Federal paperwork to continue to siphon off valuable time, energy and resources away from the classroom. Our children are too important.

EDUCATION

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the pleasure of hosting the Secretary of Education, Mr. Richard Riley, in my hometown of Anaheim over the district recess. During that town hall meeting, the Secretary fielded questions from about 200 parents and educators about what we could do to prepare our children for the future. They wanted to know what Congress was doing about education, about relieving the overcrowding that is happening back at home and about preventing the growing incidence of violence among our youth.

While the leadership of this House seems more concerned with the President's private life, I can tell my colleagues that people back home want to know what is going on with education. When I go back home to Orange County on my weekends, they ask me, not about the Starr report, they instead want to know what Congress is doing to protect the future of Social Security and what they are doing to protect the future of our children. Democrats and the President have an agenda that addresses these issues, and I have introduced my own proposal to encourage more school construction so we can have a smaller ratio of children in the classroom. We have to do that.

Get away from this report. Work on education.

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SUPPORT H.R. 4033

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I would urge all my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to refrain from demagoguery of Social Security during this election year. For the last 40 years, this House has been spending every cent that comes into the Social Security Trust Fund for other social program spending. This year for a unique experience we will start paying down the public debt. That means lower interest rates to help keep the economy strong. A strong economy means it will be easier to keep Social Security solvent. In this election year and into next year, the challenge for all of us is to consider all solutions and not scare seniors or politically demagogue Social Security. Our goal in 1999 must be to fix Social Security.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to consider joining with me on my bill, H.R. 4033, that requires that Social Security Trust Fund money can no longer be used to balance the budget.

The bill also provides that any Trust Fund money invested with the U.S. Treasury will be in the form of marketable negotiable Treasury bills, not the unredeemable I.O.U.s now used.

I invite my colleague to cosponsor this bill with me.

PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY

(Ms. FURSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, here we are again. In 1993 we passed a budget here, only Democrats voted for it, that brought us to this situation where we now may have a surplus. Only Democrats voted for that budget, yet suddenly the Republicans are saying, well, let us give a tax cut now that we have a surplus.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is a Member in this House who does not find in their public meetings somebody who says:

Congresswoman, Congressman, I am really worried there will not be Social Security there for me when I get to that age.

Well, why are we talking about tax cuts? There is not a real surplus until we stop borrowing from Social Security.

Mr. Speaker, what Democrats want to do is make sure we protect Social Security, we make sure the surplus stays in Social Security so you, our children, our seniors, will have that guarantee there.

It is an outrage to start talking about a tax cut. Yes, Democrats would like to give out a tax cut, but not until we say: Do not borrow from Social Security, make sure that Social Security is protected.

WHITE HOUSE SEEKING TO INTIMIDATE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY

(Mrs. WILSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, last night the television news confirmed that two reporters told ABC News that a senior White House official has been peddling the story to sully the reputation of one of the great leaders in the history of this institution, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE). The senior White House official just does not get it. Or, perhaps worse, maybe he gets it and he just does not care.

We are not considering here some personal indiscretion. This body has a solemn constitutional responsibility to consider the charges before us. This system of justice will not be manipulated by polls or pundits or senior officials who seek to smear and intimidate. This is a Nation governed by law, and it is up to us to keep it that way.

SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY FIRST

(Ms. STABENOW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues to ask the House leadership to save Social Security first.

I was proud to support the balanced budget agreement last year, proud to support a \$95 billion tax cut that was paid for within the balanced budget agreement. We now have what are being called surpluses, and I join with my colleagues that say we do not have a true surplus until we have protected Social Security and stopped using the Social Security Trust Fund to balance the budget.

This is about our current seniors, it is about my mother, it is about our children, it is about our grandchildren.

I like the tax proposals that are being talked about in committee. I would like to be able to support another round of tax cuts. But we cannot jeopardize our future and Social Security by doing this.

Pay for Social Security first, protect Social Security first, and then begin the next round of tax cuts. That is what is the most responsible approach, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to be responsible and to make sure that before the next steps are taken to spend surpluses that we save Social Security first.

WHITE HOUSE CONDUCTING SMEAR JOB ON HENRY HYDE

(Mr. ROHRABACHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that more Members on the other side of the aisle this morning have not been condemning the smear